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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



RYAN LEONG.

Hi, my name is Ryan Leong. I am currently in grade 7 at St. Paul school in Richmond B.C. I am the youngest child in my family. I reside in East Richmond near Queensborough landing near Burnaby.

I first started playing chess when I was five years old. It was during a Friday night at Minoru library in Richmond, where I went to the library to return a few books. While I entered, I saw the majority of people playing a board game called chess. There were many players involved in the game so I decided to gravitate towards the tables where they were playing and continued to observe. They were playing a very intense game of blitz. At that moment, I realized that this intriguing game of "chess" is something I wanted to pursue. After that day, I came every week just to learn and watch the games. That exact same library is also where I met my first teacher; Omar Jessa. Currently, he is on team Kingchops for the Vancouver Rapids.

I joined the Vancouver Chess School in May 2013. Since then I made a great progress as a chess player and became one of the strongest players in the province in my grade. My CFC rating increased for more than 750 points within last 2 years!

What drives me to continue chess is the way the pieces can move. I am the type of individual, that if someone throws an unexpected position at me, I can still manage the situation. Just like in chess, I attempt to defend and manage the positions. Without chess, I couldn't imagine how far I've come, without chess being introduced into my life, I would most likely envision myself at home playing video games. My favourite saying in chess is, "Chess is like life. You will live from the beginning to the end. If you mess up, pick yourself up and try again." ■

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PAUL LE.

My name is Paul Le, I was born in March 2005. I go to MacCorkindale Elementary school in Vancouver. I grew up with a very supportive family who shaped me into the person I am today; my parents and sister are always there when I take part in tournaments.

I first got into chess when my older sister Kim introduced me to the game and from there I self-taught myself basics of chess from online material. After finding out I had an interest in chess, I asked my mom if I could improve my chess skills and she signed me up for Vancouver Chess School in November last year. I quickly fit in and had lots of fun during my first couple of chess lessons there.

Chess exercises my brain and improved my grades a lot. It makes me focus harder in school and made it enjoyable. I have a passion for chess because it's fun and makes me concentrate hard. I even got my friends at school into chess. While playing chess, I am very competitive and often decline draws. I look up to Bobby Fischer as my chess hero. What keeps me interested in chess is the infinite amount of possibilities of moves a game has. It actually has kept me away from video games which is good, because I could study and work harder in school.

I remember my first tournament and being so nervous and playing chess by myself the night before. Although I didn't receive a trophy, I was satisfied with myself because I had only been attending Vancouver Chess School for only a few months and still got some wins. Now I am excited when I have a tournament and try to take part in Friday quads.



Aside from chess, I play the piano, swim and do skating. I enjoy flying paper airplanes and playing soccer with my Dad in the park. I am really good at math and enjoy science in school.

My goal in life is to become a grandmaster one day or a physician. ■

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



VIVIAN XU.

My name is Vivian Xu. I was born in August 2005. I'm student at Shaughnessy Elementary School. I started learning how to play chess at Vancouver Chess School three years ago. I like chess very much because it gives me advantage in school studies and higher marks in math comparing to my classmates.

At first, I was scared that I would lose because it happens sometimes, but over the past few years, I became more confident as a chess player and I started winning medals in tournaments. Chess became my favourite "thing to do" when I'm bored. During my group chess lessons many kids in my class became friends with me because I'm a good chess player.

At school, I challenge some friends to play with me, but many times they refuse to play, as they are worried that they might lose. But I still encourage them and explain that it's okay to lose; and I also teach them to do good moves in chess. The only time at school that I lost to my friend was because I wasn't concentrating. Also I play chess with my little brother at home. We often entertain ourselves with chess in the weekend.

Chess is my favourite subject and I like my wonderful teachers! My goal is to be a better chess player and get more medals in the future competitions. I'll be working harder to achieve my goal. ■

SUMMER CHESS CAMPS

SUMMER CHESS CAMPS JUNE 29TH - AUG 28TH

I am excited to inform you that our VCS Summer Camp program and schedule is ready now. In addition to our quality chess education program, we have introduced more fun and enriching activities to make this summer unforgettable for your child. We will run our camps every week from June 29th to August 28th. Our small camp size allows more individual attention to your child.



CHESS CAMPS

Chess lessons using electronic presentations and videos.

Chess Tournaments in a variety of fun formats:

- [Rapid, Blitz, Bughouse, Blindfold](#)
- [Chess Puzzle exercises](#)
- [Game Analysis](#)
- [Chess Simultaneous Exhibitions](#)

Camp outlines:

[New to chess](#), [Intermediate & Advanced](#)

[**REGISTER**](#)



CHESS + ROBOTICS

We organize our program based on STEM concepts with hands-on activities and challenging friendly competition.

Campers will have many opportunities to work on their skills as follows:

- [Problem solving & planning](#)
- [Communication skills: verbal and digital literacy](#)
- [Team work and sharing](#)

BE Creative!

[**REGISTER**](#)



CHESS + SOCCER

Let your kids enjoy summer outside and play soccer. It is a great outdoor sport activity that will bring kids lots of fun, new friends and good physical shape. Your child will develop technical and tactical playing ability and also will learn:

- [Movement training](#)
- [Strategy and position drilling](#)
- [Passing](#)
- [Goaltending](#)

[**REGISTER**](#)



CHESS + ART

Arts camps not only inspire kids, but also challenge their creative thinking and imagination.

Kids explore and learn how to express their ideas and creativity in their own unique ways using:

- [Drawing](#)
- [Painting](#)
- [Mixed media](#)
- [Sculpture & more](#)

[**REGISTER**](#)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MARCH ACTIVE, MAR 22/2015

This month's guaranteed \$250 first prize goes to former BC Champion Mayo Fuentebella (CFC 2298) with a perfect 6/6 score. Mayo displayed very accurate endgame skill in round four against high school senior, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj in a very technical and high level game. Davaa's 5/6 score earned him \$100 in a clear 2nd place finish. Ryan Leong won the U1600 section (\$50). This month's active was also greeted by Malcolm Avey (CFC 1968) who last competed in Toronto over 20 years ago.

William Ng and Andrew Hemstapat both tied for 4/5 with William winning the 1st placed trophy on tie breaks. The third place trophy was awarded to Xuanying Yu of West Vancouver. Medalists of the Junior Section included Bruce Zheng, Richard Chen, Jiaya (Becca) Shi, Ethan Song, and Atrina Shadgan.

[Final Standings](#)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2015 B.C. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP, MAR 28-29/2015



Our students took an active part in this tournament and had a wide variety of opportunities to apply all the skills acquired during the learning process. There were many outstanding results and accomplishments alongside with lessons learned. Playing in big provincial events always makes our students

grow as chess players and widen their horizons by learning something new from other players. 15 students were placed top 3 in their respective grades. Let us applaud and give our warmest congratulations to the following trophy winners from our school:

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Under 8 Girls: Veronica Guo

Under 10 Girls: Sherry Tian

Under 10 Open: Kevin Low

Under 12 Girls: Angelina Yang

Under 18 Open: Alex Sabaratnam

Under 18 Girls: Joanne Foote



Under 8 Girls



Under 10 Girls



Under 10 Open



Under 12 Girls



Under 18 Open



Under 18 Girls

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Under 8 Girls



Under 8 Open

Under 8 Girls: Pavni Santosh Labade

Under 8 Open: Daniel Wang

Under 10 Girls: Anna Van

Under 16 Open: James Li



Under 10 Girls



Under 16 Open

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



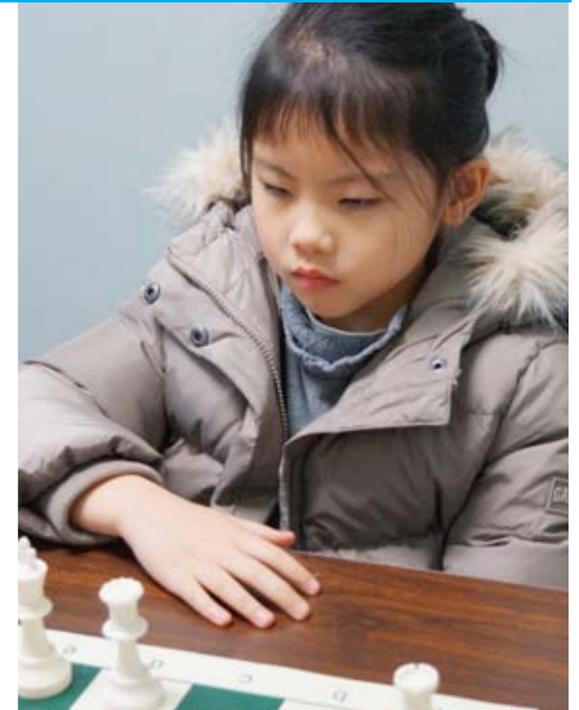
Under 8 Girls: Amy Chen

Under 12 Girls: Atrina Shadgan

Under 8 Open: Jason Qian

Under 12 Open: Victor Zheng

Under 14 Open: Maven Zheng



Under 8 Girls



Under 8 Open



Under 12 Girls



Under 12 Open



Under 14 Open

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

9TH ANNUAL GRAND PACIFIC OPEN

A 6 round FIDE & CFC rated Swiss \$5000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

The Grand Pacific Open is BC's largest chess tournament. The main event is a 6 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss with \$5000 in prizes. Congratulations to our coaches Bindi Cheng and Joe Roback and our students Dylan Fox, Daniel Wang and Anna Van with a great performance in the tournament.

[9th Annual Grand Pacific Open Final Standings](#)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



APRIL 26TH ACTIVE (OPEN)

This April's tournament was the largest active in recent memory. Combined with the Junior section there were a total of 79 participants with 42 players in the Open section. The tournament was also a training session for Team BC (who included the top chess students of each elementary/high school grade from this year's Chess Challenge).

National Master Alfred Pechisker (who also has a Master's degree in genetics) scored a perfect 6/6 result this month. This won Alfred a clear placement of the \$250 guaranteed 1st place prize. Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Jason Kenney tied for 2nd and the prize for \$137.50 each.

There was a 3-way split for the 2nd U1900 category: Uranchimeg Nyamdorj, James Li, and Nathaniel Knox. Jim Guo was clear 1st U1500 for \$90. Chuyang Gu and An Yu split the 2nd U1500 prize for \$45 each.

A special thanks to all the players who

helped to analyze games with our Team BC participants. A very special thanks to everyone who participated in the potluck which turned to be a lot of fun and a big success.

[April Active Final Standings](#)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

APRIL 26TH ACTIVE (JUNIOR)

In the junior-only sections, U1200 and U800, Connor Chai, Anna Van and Bill Wang and Ciro Zhang, Jason Chen and Nicholas Yang were the respective trophy winners, while a total of twenty-one players who scored 2.0 points or more won medals.

[April Active Final Standings](#)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH WASHINGTON – BRITISH COLUMBIA (INTERMAT)

On May 2nd, 2015 Team BC fought a tremendous battle against Team Washington in Bellevue. When the first round was almost closing with Team Washington winning 13 games against Team BC's 9 wins, Team BC pulled a miracle by winning the last 4 games and tied with Team Washington in this round. Even Team Washington's captain admitted it was a big surprise, taking into consideration Team Washington's significant rating advantage across most of the grades.

The second round started with exciting staggering wins on each side, then perhaps the fatigue of traveling crept up on the BC players particularly

the younger ones. We ended up losing to Team Washington 10 points against their 16 with the final score of 23 to 29.

I am, however, very proud of Team BC's performance against one of the strongest Team Washington's line up. Not all the highest rated players from BC were able to attend this match, yet we had achieved an impressive result. Next year we will face Team Washington with confidence and will beat them in our hometown.

Many thanks to all Team BC members for their amazing performance, and their parents' wonderful support. Also, many thanks to our host, Chess4Life, for organizing this event.

[Final score](#)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

FRIDAY QUADS WINNERS

# QUAD/DATE	APR-4-2015	APR-10-2015	APR-17-2015	APR-24-2015
Quad #1	Tian, Sherry	Imoo, Joshua	Chen, Daniel	Qian, Jason
Quad #2	Zang, Anthony	Yuan, David	Wang, Daniel	Yuan, David
Quad #3	Lau, Alvin	Sun, Elvin	James Yao	Zhang, Daniel
Quad #4	Chen, Richard	Yao, Raymond	Yao, Raymond	Wang, Bill
Quad #5	Amjadi, Borna	Le, Paul	Le, Paul	Liu, Colby
Quad #6	Xu, Ray	Zhang, Roy	Zhang, Bruce	Yang, Nicholas
Quad #7	Zhang, Bruce	Xu, Terry Zhiren	Wang, Jerry	Shi, Eric
Quad #8	Wang, Patrick	Tang, Jacky	Zhao, Justin	Jeremic, Uros
Quad #9	Li, Alvin	Zhang, Jerry	Yang, Nicholas	Wang, Patrick
Quad #10		Xu, Ray	Hong, Neil	Li, Gavin
Quad #11		Tan, Owen	Farzadeh, Iden	Yang, Ryan
Quad #12		Lee, Kenneth	Sharp, Samuel	Cai, Annie
Quad #13		Yang, Matthew	Fergusson, Liam	Li, Thomas
Quad #14		Wei, Kitty	Lee, Kenneth	
Quad #15			Li, Alvin	
Quad #16			Chen, Amy	

VANCOUVER RAPID TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Vancouver Rapid is a Team Chess Championship held in Vancouver every year. The competitions consist of two stages. During the first stage, the teams are playing Round robin or Swiss system tournament against each other (depending on the quantity of teams). In the end of qualification tournament, the strongest teams take part in the final play off to identify a sole winner. The first year was victorious for Vancouver Chess School as it was represented mainly by VCS teachers. Starting 2014, VCS team consists exclusively of VCS students.



The VCS team for 2015 will be formed based on the CFC rating. **Top 10 CFC rated players** (on Sep-01-2015) from our school will be invited to join the team in September 2015.

TOP 10 CFC/CMA

TOP 10 CFC/CMA RATED PLAYERS FROM OUR SCHOOL AS OF MAY 1, 2015.

#	NAME	CFC RATING
1	Kevin Low	1910
2	Maven Zheng	1750
3	Victor Zheng	1701
4	Adam Li	1626
5	Ethan Low	1593
6	Kevin Li	1582
7	James Li	1561
8	Jim Guo	1484
9	Daniel Du	1460
10	Daniel Chen	1394

Check your CFC rating
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cfc>

#	NAME	CMA RATING
1	Kevin Low	1961
2	James Li	1722
3	Maven Zheng	1691
4	Victor Zheng	1619
5	Ryan Leong	1618
6	Daniel Chen	1574
7	Ethan Low	1507
8	Joseph Dobrzanski	1483
9	Kevin Li	1451
10	Jim Guo	1441

Check your CMA rating
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cma>

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM RATING TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

PROGRAM	RATING
Pawn->Knight	600 (CMA)
Knight->Bishop	1100 (CMA)
Bishop->Rook	1500 (CMA)
Rook->Queen	1800 (CMA)
Queen->King	2000+ (CMA)

PARENT-TEACHER

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA

- In class performance
- Homework
- Tournament performance
- Upcoming tournaments and tests
- VCS website updates
- Q & A

GROUP	DATE	TIME
Pawn #1	May 30	2pm – 2:30pm
Pawn #1B	Jun 13	10:30am-11am
Pawn #2	Jun 3	3:30pm – 4pm
Pawn #2B	Jun 6	1:30pm-2pm
Pawn #3	Jun 6	10:30am – 11am
Pawn #3B	Jun 13	3pm-3:30pm
Pawn #4	Jun 8	4pm-4:30pm
Pawn #5	Jun 5	4pm-4:30pm
Pawn #6	Jun 12	4pm-4:30pm
Pawn #7	May 30	10:30am – 11am
Pawn #8	Jun 4	4pm – 4:30pm
Pawn #9	Jun 1	5:30pm-6pm
Knight #1	May 25	5pm – 5:30pm
Knight #2	May 29	4:30pm – 5pm
Knight #3	Jun 1	4pm-4:30pm
Knight #4	Jun 2	6:30pm – 7pm
Knight #5	Jun 10	5pm-5:30pm
Knight #6	Jun 11	4pm-4:30 pm
Bishop #1	Jun 11	6:30pm-7pm
Rook #1	Jun 19	7pm – 7:30pm
Rook #2	Jun 15	7pm – 7:30pm

ONLINE TEST SCHEDULE

ASSESSMENT NOTICE:

Dear parents,

Your children are now finishing the last module of their programs. In order to ensure that your children are ready to promote to the next level of study, we will be administering an online test to assess their skill level.

Here are the important details of the testing:

#	GROUP	NEXT PROGRAM	DATE SENT	DUE DATE
1	Pawn #1	-> Knight	May 23	Jun 6
2	Knight #1	-> Bishop	May 25	Jun 8
3	Knight #2	-> Bishop	May 29	Jun 12

- Please set aside at least 60-90 minutes to finish the test. The test must be done in one sitting.
- One mistake is allowed in each position. The test consists of 30 quizzes and positions to play.
- In order to successfully pass the test, your final score has to be greater or equal to 75%.
- To avoid technical interruption, please use these internet browsers: [Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#).
- After your children log into their account, you can find the new "Tests" page. Go to the "Tests" page, and click "Start" to begin the test. Please note that the test cannot be stopped or paused until it is done.
- Once the test is completed, you can see the test status (passed/try again later) and your children's performance percentage.
- We will notify you if your children will be recommended to advance to the Next level, via email or directly by your coach.
- Your certificate of program completion and test report will be available on your account after the test is passed successfully.

Thank you for your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

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WEBSITE UPDATES

Now results of the tournaments held during group lessons are available on students' accounts under My Tournaments -> Group Tournaments -> View.

GROUP CLASSES
MY LESSONS
MY PRIVATE LESSONS
MY TOURNAMENTS

TOURNAMENTS

[All Tournaments](#) Group Tournaments

#	Tournament	Date
1	May Active	2015-05-09
2	Vancouver West Open 温西国际象棋公开赛 #5	2015-06-06

(1-2/2) Per page: [25](#) | [50](#) | [100](#)

GROUP TOURNAMENTS

[All Tournaments](#) [My Tournaments](#)

#	Tournament	Date	
1	Rook Blitz 5 min	2015-03-06	View
2	Rook Blitz 3 min	2015-03-06	View
3	Rook Blitz 1 min	2015-03-06	View



VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Vancouver Chess School is committed to provide quality education and to promote chess participation in the Lower Mainland. Starting September 2014, we are organizing a series of chess tournaments that would provide opportunities for different levels of

players to enrich their tournament experiences. All tournaments are open to public, and are held at Vancouver Chess School. Seating is limited. Please pre-register on our website. Here is a summary of different categories of tournaments:

TOURNAMENT	WHO IS ELIGIBLE	RATING SYSTEM	TIME CONTROL	FORMAT	TOTAL TIME (approximate)	FEE \$	PRIZE	UPCOMING EVENTS	REGISTRATION
Friday Quads (Vancouver)	Open to all age groups & chess levels. No rating requirement	CMA	Rapid	Round Robin	3-4 rounds 7:00-9:30pm	10	Medals for winners with perfect score	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Register here
Saturday Quads (Burnaby)	Open to all age groups and chess levels. No rating requirement	CMA	Rapid	Round Robin	3-4 rounds 4:30-7:00pm Saturday night	10	Medals for winners with perfect score	May 9, 16, 23, 30	Register here
VCS Monthly Active (Open Section)	Above 1200 CMA/1100 CFC	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 10am-5pm 1 day (Weekend)	25	Guaranteed first prize of \$250	May 9, Jun 21	Register here
VCS Monthly Active (Junior Section)	Below 1200 CMA/1100 CFC. K-12	CFC	25/5	Regular Swiss	5 rounds 10am-4pm 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/Medals	May 9, Jun 21	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Open Section)	Above 1100 CFC	CFC & CMA	60	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 2 days (Weekend)	50-60	Guaranteed first prize of \$600	June 6-7	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Junior CFC Section)	Above 800 CMA & Below 1100 CFC K-12	CFC & CMA	60	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 2 days (Weekend)	50-60	Trophies/ Medals	Jun 6-7	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Junior CMA Section)	Below 800 CMA. K-12	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	5 rounds 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/ Medals	June 7	Register here
VCS Fantasy League	VCS students only. No rating requirement	Unrated	25/5	Team	5 rounds 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/ Medals	May 31	Register here
VCS Chess Camps (chess, robotics, soccer, art)	Open to all chess levels. K-12	CMA			Weekdays		T-Shirts	Jun 29-Aug 28	Register here

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=13>



VANCOUVER WEST OPEN TOURNAMENT

JUNE 6-7/2015

<p>5 rounds G25/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMA Rated Section - Rating below 800 <i>Juniors only</i> <p>1 DAY EVENT</p>	<p>6 rounds G60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CFC Rated Section - Rating from 800-1100 CFC <i>Juniors only</i> <p>2 DAYS EVENT</p>	<p>6 rounds G60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Section - Rating above 1100 CFC <i>Adults & Juniors</i> <p>2 DAYS EVENT</p>
<p>Vancouver West Junior Open</p>		<p>Vancouver West Open</p>

SIGN UP NOW, THE SPACE IS LIMITED!

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=14>



VCS QUADS
ONGOING WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

VANCOUVER
FRIDAYS, 7 - 9:30 pm

BURNABY
SATURDAYS, 4:30 - 7 pm

- 3-4 CMA rated games
- Time control: Rapid
- Open to all players
Children and their parents are both welcome.

ENTRY FEE \$10

- Chess sets and clocks are provided.
- Please bring your own scorebook.

- Let your kids have fun by playing chess with their friends and classmates
- Earn a rating and track your performance

- Reinforce the lessons learned in weekly classes through practice
- Take a chance to relax on a Friday night, while your kids play in the tournament

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=8>



**VANCOUVER
CHESS SCHOOL**

ACTIVE TOURNAMENTS

MONTHLY EVENTS	ANNUAL EVENTS
<p>OPEN SECTION Guaranteed first prize of \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 rounds 25/5 - CMA rated - Rating above 1200 CMA <p><i>Adults & Juniors</i> <i>1 day event</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Active Grand Prix Cash prize & Perpetual Trophy</p>  </div> <p>Junior Active Grand Prix Perpetual Trophy</p>
<p>JUNIOR SECTION Trophies / Medals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 rounds 25/5 - CMA rated - Rating below 1200 CMA <p><i>Juniors only</i> <i>1 day event</i></p>	

SIGN UP NOW, THE SPACE IS LIMITED!

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and camp details here [http://vanchess.ca/events?events\[0\]=12](http://vanchess.ca/events?events[0]=12)



**VCS
CHESS CAMPS**
JUNE 29 – AUG 28, 2015

Summer Chess Adventure

SIGN UP NOW!

ROBOTICS



SOCCER



ART



VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <https://vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/326>



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